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SUBJECT: COFFEE SITUATION

- 1. AGATT QUARTERLY COFFEE REPORT BB-7010 FORWARDED TO FAS TODAY. THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THIS REPORT ARE OUTLINED BELOW.
- 2. FAS SUPPLY AND DISTRIBUTION ESTIMATES FOR BRAZILIAN COFFEE HAVE BEEN REVISED AS FOLLOWS (DATA IN MILLION OF BAGS):

1976/77 1977/78

### BEGINNING STOCKS

IBC 12.0 3.0 PRIVATE 10.5 7.1

PRODUCTION 9.5 17.0

TOTAL SUPPLY 32.0 27.1

EXPORTS 13.9 14.0 CONSUMPTION 8.0 8.0

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#### ENDING STOCKS

IBC 3.0 2.0 PRIVATE 7.1 3.1

TOTAL DISTRIBUTION 32.0 27.1

3. THE 1977/78 COFFEE CROP IS FORECAST AT 15 TO 18 MILLION BAGS. WEATHER CONDTIONS SINCE LATE DECEMBER HAVE BEEN FAVORABLE, BUT WEATHER BETWEEN MID-FEBRUARY AND THE END OF MAY WILL STILL BE IMPORTANT IN DETERMINING THE SIZE OF THE 1977/78 COFFEE CROP. ESTIMATES FOR SUBSEQUENT CROPS CANNOT BE MADE AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF THE UNPREDICTABILITY OF WEATHER AND OTHER FACTORS THAT DETERMINE THE SIZE OF EACH CROP. HOWEVER, WITH NORMAL WEATHER BRAZIL'S COFFEE PRODUCTION POTENTIAL WILL BE ABOUT 22 MILLION BAGS IN 1978 AND 26 MILLION BAGS IN 1979. CRIMMINS

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